MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

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SECTION I. MATERIAL IDENTIFICATION

Material Name: Isopropylbenzene in Methanol

Description: SRM 3015 consists of two 5-milliliter sealed borosilicate glass ampoules, each containing approximately 2.5 mL of a solution of isopropylbenzene in methanol.

Other Designations: Isopropylbenzene (cumene; isopropyl benzene; [1-methylethyl] benzene; isopropylbenzol; 2-phenylpropane; 2-phenyl propane) in **Methanol** (methyl alcohol; wood alcohol; methyl hydroxide; carbinol; monohydroxymethane; wood spirit; wood naphtha; methylol)

Name	Chemical Formula	CAS Registry Number
Methanol	CH_3OH	67-56-1
Isopropylbenzene	$C_6H_5CH(CH_3)_2$	98-82-8

DOT Classification: Methanol; UN1230; Packing Group II; Hazard Class 3.

SECTION II. HAZARDOUS INGREDIENTS

Hazardous Components	Nominal Concentration (%)	Exposure Limits and Toxicity Data
Methanol	99	OSHA TWA: 260 mg/m^3 (200 ppm)
		NIOSH recommended TWA (skin): 260 mg/m^3 (200 ppm) (10 h)
		NIOSH recommended STEL (skin): 325 mg/m^3 (250 ppm)
		UK WEL TWA (skin): 266 mg/m^3 (200 ppm)
		UK WEL STEL (skin): 333 mg/m^3 (250 ppm)
		Human, Inhalation TC_{LO}: 86 000 mg/m^3
		Human, Oral LD_{LO}: 143 mg/kg
		Man, Oral TD_{LO}: 3 429 mg/kg
Isopropylbenzene	1	OSHA TWA (skin): 245 mg/m^3 (50 ppm)
		ACGIH TWA: 50 ppm
		NIOSH recommended TWA (skin): 245 mg/m^3 (50 ppm) (10 h)
		UK WEL TWA (skin): 125 mg/m^3 (25 ppm)
		UK WEL STEL (skin): 250 mg/m^3 (50 ppm)
		Human, Inhalation TC_{LO}: 200 ppm
		Rat, Oral LD_{50}: 1 400 mg/kg

Carcinogenic, Tumorigenic, Mutagenic Reproductive Data: Isopropylbenzene has been investigated as a mutagenic effector. Methanol has been investigated as a mutagenic and reproductive effector.

SECTION III. PHYSICAL/CHEMICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Methanol	Isopropylbenzene
Appearance and Odor: a clear, colorless liquid with a characteristic alcoholic odor	**Appearance and Odor:** a clear, colorless liquid with a pungent odor
Relative Molecular Mass: 32.04	**Relative Molecular Mass:** 120.19
Density: 0.7914 g/m^3	**Density:** 0.861 g/m^3
Boiling Point: 65 °C (149 °F)	**Boiling Point:** 152 °C (306 °F)
Freezing Point: –94 °C (–137 °F)	**Freezing Point:** –96 °C (–141 °F)
Vapor Pressure (@ 20 °C): 97.25 mmHg	**Vapor Pressure (@ 20 °C):** 8 mmHg
Evaporation Rate (butyl acetate = 1): 4.6	**Evaporation Rate:** not available
Viscosity (@ 20 °C): 0.59 cP	**Viscosity (@ 21 °C):** 0.777 cP
Solubility in Water: soluble	**Solubility in Water:** insoluble
Solvent Solubility: soluble in ether, benzene, alcohol, acetone, chloroform, ethanol, ketones, and most organic solvents	**Solvent Solubility:** soluble in alcohol, ether, acetone, benzene, carbon tetrachloride, and organic solvents

NOTE: The physical and chemical data provided are for the pure components. Physical and chemical data for this methanol/isopropylbenzene solution do not exist. The actual behavior of the solution may differ from the individual components.

SECTION IV. FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARD DATA

Methanol

Flash Point: 11 °C **Method Used:** Closed Cup

Autoignition Temperature: 385 °C

Flammability Limits in Air (Volume %): **UPPER:** 36
LOWER: 6.0

Isopropylbenzene

Flash Point: 36 °C **Method Used:** Closed Cup

Autoignition Temperature: 424 °C

Flammability Limits in Air (Volume %): **UPPER:** 6.5
LOWER: 0.9

Unusual Fire and Explosion Hazards: Methanol and isopropylbenzene are severe fire hazards. Vapors are heavier than air and may travel a considerable distance to a source of ignition and flash back. Vapor and air mixtures are explosive above the flash point.

Extinguishing Media: Use alcohol-resistant foam, regular dry chemical, carbon dioxide, or water spray.

Special Fire Procedures: Fire fighters should wear a self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) with a full face piece in the pressure demand or positive mode and other protective clothing.

SECTION V. REACTIVITY DATA

Stability: **X** **Stable** ____ **Unstable**

Stable at normal temperatures and pressure.

Conditions to Avoid: Avoid contact with heat, sparks, flames, or other sources of ignition. Avoid inhalation of vapors or combustion by-products.

Incompatibility (Materials to Avoid): This material is incompatible with halo carbons, combustible materials, metals, oxidizing materials, halogens, metal carbide, amines, acids, and bases.

See Section IV**: "**Unusual Fire and Explosion Hazards".

Hazardous Decomposition or Byproducts: Thermal decomposition products may include toxic oxides of carbon and various organic fragments.

Hazardous Polymerization: ____ **Will Occur** **X** **Will Not Occur**

SECTION VI. HEALTH HAZARD DATA

Route of Entry: **X** **Inhalation** **X** **Skin** **X** **Ingestion**

Methanol: Methanol is a skin and eye irritant and can cause nerve damage. This material is harmful if inhaled or absorbed through skin. Ingestion may be fatal or cause blindness. Symptoms of exposure may include burning sensation, coughing, wheezing, laryngitis, shortness of breath, headache, nausea, and vomiting. Exposure can cause damage to the eyes, liver, heart, and kidneys. Methanol may also cause gastrointestinal disturbances and convulsions.

Isopropylbenzene: Isopropylbenzene may be harmful by inhalation, ingestion, or skin contact. Eye contact of vapors can cause irritation, redness, pain, and lacrimation. Repeated or prolonged contact may cause conjunctivitis. Direct contact to skin may cause inflammation and even blisters. Prolonged contact may cause dermatitis. Acute or chronic exposure by inhalation of isopropylbenzene may cause irritation to the mucous membranes and may include symptoms such as a sore throat, coughing, shortness of breath, headache, and nausea. Due to its low volatility, lethal concentrations of isopropylbenzene to humans are not expected to be reached at room temperature. Ingestion of isopropylbenzene may cause lung damage if aspirated into the lungs and may even be fatal. Symptoms may include difficulty breathing, coughing, and pulmonary edema. Ingestion may also cause vomiting and abdominal pain.

Medical Conditions Generally Aggravated by Exposure: Isopropylbenzene exposure may aggravate kidney disorders, liver disorders, respiratory disorders, and skin disorder. May also aggravate allergies. **Methanol** may cause eye disorders, kidney disorders, skin disorders, and allergies.

Target Organ(s) of Attack: Central nervous system (CNS).

Listed as a Carcinogen/Potential Carcinogen (Methanol):

	Yes	No
In the National Toxicology Program (NTP) Report on Carcinogens		X
In the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) Monographs		X
By the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)		X

Listed as a Carcinogen/Potential Carcinogen (Isopropylbenzene):

	Yes	No
In the National Toxicology Program (NTP) Report on Carcinogens		X
In the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) Monographs		X
By the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)		X

EMERGENCY AND FIRST AID PROCEDURES:

Skin Contact: Remove contaminated shoes and clothing. Rinse affected area with large amounts of water followed by washing the area with soap and water. Watch for chemical irritations and treat them accordingly. Obtain medical assistance if necessary.

Eye Contact: Immediately flush eyes, including under the eyelids, with copious amounts of water for at least 15 minutes. Obtain medical assistance.

Inhalation: If inhaled, move the victim to fresh air. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen; if the victim is not breathing, give artificial respiration by qualified personnel. Obtain medical assistance if necessary.

Ingestion: If ingested, obtain medical assistance immediately.

SECTION VII. PRECAUTIONS FOR SAFE HANDLING AND USE

Steps to be Taken in Case Material Is Released or Spilled: DO NOT touch spilled material. Reduce vapors with water spray. Avoid heat, flames, sparks, and other sources of ignition. Stop the leak if one can do so without risk. Absorb small spills with sand or other non-combustible absorbent material and place into containers for proper disposal.

Waste Disposal: Follow all federal, state, and local laws governing disposal. Methanol is subject to disposal regulations U.S. EPA 40 CFR 262, Hazardous Waste Number U154. Isopropylbenzene is subject to disposal regulations U.S. EPA 40 CFR 262, Hazardous Waste Number U055 and D001.

Handling and Storage: Store and handle in accordance with all current regulations of standards. Keep methanol and isopropylbenzene separated from incompatible substances. Persons handling this material must wear protective eyewear, clothing, and gloves to prevent contact with this material. Methanol and isopropylbenzene are subject to storage regulations: U.S. OSHA 29 CFR 1910.106.

Sealed ampoules of SRM 3015 should be stored in the dark at temperatures between 10 °C and 30 °C. Protect containers from physical damage.

SECTION VIII. SOURCE DATA/OTHER COMMENTS

Sources: MDL Information Systems, Inc., MSDS *Cumene*, 16 June 2005.
MDL Information Systems, Inc., MSDS *Methyl Alcohol*, 16 June 2005.

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